

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

1 In an identification system for electronic commerce, an end terminal
2 transmits a transaction request message containing biometrics data of a user
3 to a communications network. At least one electronic commerce service
4 provider unit is provided which receives the transaction request message via
5 the network and transmits an authentication request message containing the
6 biometrics data to the network. An authentication server having a database
7 for storing registered biometrics data receives the authentication request
8 message and determines whether the received biometrics data has
9 corresponding biometrics data in the database and returns a reply to the
10 ECSP unit via the network indicating that the transaction request message is
11 authenticated if the received biometrics data coincides with one of the
12 registered biometrics data of the database.